

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 31, 2017**

**ROLL CALL**

Kenneth Saunders, R.P., Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Pharmacy to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Country Inn & Suites, located at 5353 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The agenda was provided to Board members, posted on a public bulletin board in the Nebraska State Office Building, posted on the Department's website, and e-mailed to the "interested parties" list prior to the meeting. The following Board members answered roll call:

Kenneth Saunders, R.P., Chair  
Sabrina Beck, R.P.  
Margaret Kucera, R.P.  
Patricia Gollner, R.P.  
Charlene Dunbar

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present were: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager; Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; and the meeting facilitator Jeff Soukup, CPH, Performance Improvement Manager/Accreditation Coordinator.

Saunders announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

**Adoption of Agenda**

Beck moved, seconded by Gollner, to approve the agenda as presented with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Gollner, Kucera, and Saunders. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**OVERVIEW OF THE DAY**

Jeff Soukup provided an overview of how the day would proceed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and provided some background information. Mr. Soukup explained the main focus question to be "What specific actions could the Board or Stakeholders take over the next two years to better protect the health and safety of the public and insure efficient, adequate and safe practice of services?" The purpose of this meeting is to establish a strategic plan for the next two years.

**CONSIDERATION FOR THE BOARD OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS**

Mr. Soukup asked each of the Board members, staff and guest to write down 4-5 elements or characteristics that would make an optimal pharmacy practice oversight system. Everyone participated in identifying who would be impacted, who would be helpful in getting to this optimal pharmacy practice oversight system and things that would hinder getting to the optimal pharmacy system. (Picture of the work paper available upon request). Soukup requested that everyone identify several specific ideas that could be used to reach the optimal pharmacy system. There was discussion about educating professionals about changes in the pharmacy practice act, use of technology to communicate changes in the practice of pharmacy, collaborating with other boards and associations with common interests, increasing staff, identifying whether an additional license would be appropriate for sterile or non-sterile compounding and looking at the adding of additional Board members.

**DISCUSSION AND CATEGORIZATION OF CONSIDERATIONS**

Mr. Soukup then had everyone identify at least five category headings so that considerations that had commonality could be grouped under. The category headings identified were: Communication; Education and Board Collaboration; Resources; Law Changes; and Support, Utilize and Promote the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) (Picture of work paper available upon request).

### **ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES**

Mr. Soukup requested that from under each category heading prioritize each consideration (Picture of work paper available upon request).

### **IDENTIFY NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Soukup had everyone identify early steps to meeting the priorities. Some of the early steps identified were send website links to Board members, discuss with DHHS Communications on the prospect of using social media for Board purposes, invite Dr. Thomas Williams, Chief Medical Officer to a Board meeting, invite the Nebraska Pharmacists Association (NPA) to be on the agenda related to legislative bills, arrange an additional update on progress from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for the next meeting, and consider developing a survey for active pharmacists to identify helpful information from the Board (Picture of work paper available upon request).

### **EVALUATION OF THIS MEETING PROCESS**

All participants thanked Mr. Soukup for facilitating the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Gollner moved, seconded by Beck, to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Gollner, Kucera, and Saunders. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file with the Department)

Charlene Dunbar, Secretary  
Board of Pharmacy